

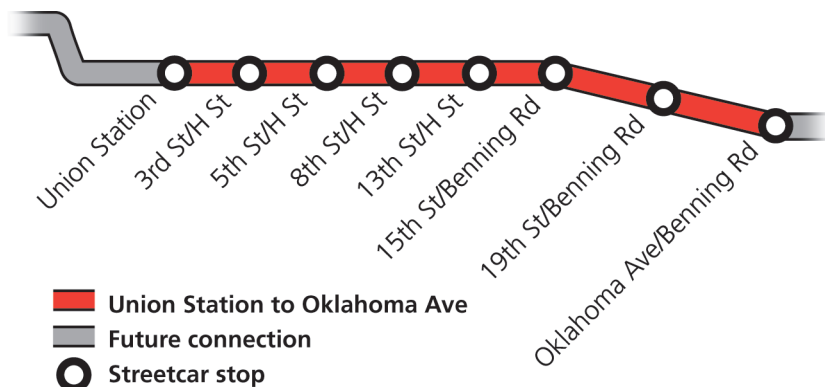
Grades  
7-12

# Streetcar Safety— It's All About You!

The streetcars are coming! There were streetcars here once before. Horse-drawn streetcars were introduced in 1872. They were replaced with electric cars in 1899. Streetcars stopped running on H Street in 1949, and the last streetcars in the District stopped running in 1962.

## Part 1. Where will the streetcars go?

One day soon there will be eight streetcar lines that operate in all eight wards of the city. The first line will be in your area, along the H Street/Benning Road corridor. This area currently has the busiest bus line, and demand for mass transit will only continue to grow. And, the new streetcar line just may make it easier for you to get to school! Review the map and circle the stop nearest to your school.



## Part 2. Streetcar Smarts

How streetcar smart are you? To find out, read each of the following scenarios. Decide what you would do in each situation, and describe or draw your plan of action in the space provided or on the back of this sheet. Be prepared to explain your answer.

1. You approach a crosswalk at an intersection. A group of small children is playing in the street and not paying attention to the traffic. What do you do?  
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2. You and a friend decide to ride your bikes to school. You're about to cross the streetcar tracks. What would you do?  
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3. You're running late and need to cross the crosswalk to get to your destination. You're sure you have enough time to get across before the approaching streetcar gets to the crossing. What would you do?  
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4. You get a text just as you're about to board the streetcar. What would you do?  
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5. The streetcar you want to catch has just barely started to move. You think you can jump on before it leaves. What should you do?  
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### Did You Know?

- The overhead wire or "catenary" is energized at 750 V DC. Do not attempt to climb the poles, touch the wires, or throw things at them.
- Remain at least 10 feet away from live wires at all times.
- Entry to streetcar power substations is prohibited for your protection. Electricity is delivered from the substations to the overhead wires and then to the streetcars.